### **Local History Programs at the Library**

On Tuesday, May 20th, at 6:15 p.m. in the Margie Edinger Room of Central Park Library, Local History Librarian Mary Hanel will give a talk on "What's New for Genealogists and Local Historians in the Library's Heritage Pavilion." She will review new genealogy and local history books, databases, and digital scanning equipment added to the collection this past year. This free public program is sponsored by the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society.

On Tuesday, May 27th, at 6 p.m. in the Margie Edinger Room of Central Park Library, Gary Noy, Editor-in-Chief emeritus of the Sierra College Press will discuss his latest book which was recently co-published with Heyday Books. Titled Sierra Stories: Tales of Dreamers, Schemers, Bigots, and Rogues, Gary will present a slide show focusing on one of the "Dreamers" profiled in his book -Elisha Stephens, for whom Santa Clara County's Steven Creek Boulevard is named. Elisha Stephens was the leader of an early wagon train over the Sierra - the Stephens-Townsend-Murphy Party of 1844-1845. The party built some of the cabins that the Donner Party used a couple of years later. Stephens settled for a time in San Jose and then in the Blackberry Farm area of Cupertino before moving South. Other members of his party included Martin Murphy, Jr. a founder of Sunnyvale and Moses Schallenberger, a San Jose pioneer.

Lecture is free and open to the public. The book will be for sale and the author will sign books following the presentation.

## Register to Vote!

Voting is a way to speak your mind and let your voice be heard. When we vote, we are actually telling our elected officials how we feel about important issues. Voting is our chance to make a difference in our own lives and for the generations to follow. Primary elections will be held June 3, 2014. Registration deadline is May 19, 2014. Get registered to vote! Call 408-299-VOTE (8683) or visit registertovoteca.gov.

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2014 Bike-to-Work Day Thursday, May 8, 2014



Mark your calendars for the annual Biketo-Work Day taking place on Thursday, May 8, 2014. With the help of the City's Bicycle Advisory Committee, the City of Santa Clara will be hosting an Energizer Station from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the intersection of the San Tomas Aguino Creek Trail and Agnew Road. Refreshments will be provided at the Energizer Station for those who bike or walk to work that day. In addition to this location, Silicon Valley Power will also be hosting an Energizer Station near the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, More information on Bike-to-Work Day can be found on the following website: voucanbikethere.com.

### **May is Water Awareness Month**

May is Water Awareness Month in California. Conserve water this month and every month and encourage your friends to do the same. The City's Water Utility is committed to providing a safe, reliable, high quality drinking water supply to residents and businesses. Conservation efforts help to ensure an adequate supply of water for the future.

Free information and water-saving devices are available at the Water & Sewer Utilities office in the West Wing of City Hall located at 1500 Warburton Avenue. Items include gardening and plumbing booklets, information on water conservation rebate programs, hose nozzles, low-flow showerheads, and faucet aerators. If you want information about water conservation rebate programs, please call the Santa Clara Valley Water District's hotline at 408-265-2607, ext. 2554 or visit valleywater.org/programs/waterconservation. aspx.

To obtain an assessment of water use at your home, request a free Water Wise House Call by calling 800-548-1882. A trained water surveyor will come to your residence and review your water use, identify irrigation problems, provide low flow showerheads, aerators and toilet flapper valves, and make other Water Wise recommendations.

For more information about water and water conservation, contact the City of Santa Clara Water & Sewer Utilities at 408-615-2000 or visit santaclaraca.gov/waterconservation.

This has been an especially dry year. Visit santaclaraca.gov/index.aspx?page=257 and

check the 'News' tab for the most up-to-date drought information. Thank you for your efforts to conserve water and use water wisely.

# Public Discussion of 2014-15 Proposed Budget

The following dates have been established for a joint study session and public hearings to review the proposed 2014-15 Annual Budget, including Operating, Capital Improvement Project Budgets and Municipal Fee Schedule. The public hearings will discuss City budgets, Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency budget, Sports & Open Space Authority budget, Stadium Authority budget, Housing Authority budget, the use of funds from the federal entitlement HOME Program (used for affordable housing purposes), and adjustments to fees, rates and charges. Community Development Block Grants will also be considered although separate public hearings will be held. The schedule for 2014-15 study sessions and public hearings is:

- April 22: Public hearing and adoption on municipal fee schedule
- May 20: Joint Study Session to review the proposed 2014-15 Capital Improvement Project Budget and proposed 2014-15 Operating Budget
- June 10: Public hearing on the above proposed budget elements.

### **Code Enforcement**

Code Enforcement involves many City departments and is about ensuring a safe, livable and enjoyable community for all. City Codes enforce a variety of local regulations as well as State laws that are delegated to

the City. Many of the complaints referred to Code Enforcement can be avoided by being thoughtful good neighbors and maintaining your property in a neat and orderly manner. Parking cars or recreational vehicles in front yard landscaping areas, and storing materials or inoperable vehicles in front yards and driveways are City Code violations. To report problems in your neighborhood, contact Code Enforcement at 408-615-2460 or visit santaclaraca.gov/citycode.

#### Friends of the Library Book Sale

Come to the monthly Friends of the Library Book Sale on Saturday, May 17, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (open to members at 9 a.m.) in the Central Park Library Cedar Room. Get deals on thousands of books, movies, and music! The \$5 a bag sale is from 12 noon-2 p.m. If you are not a member, you can join at the sale for \$15/individual or \$25 for families. All proceeds support Library programs and services.

### **Compositing Class**

Home composting is a great way to reduce organic household waste and improve your garden at the same time. Low-cost compost bins and a FREE class on how to make compost at home are available through Santa Clara County. Registration is required for the composting class that will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Machado Park. To register for the composting class, or for more information on the class or on low-cost compost bins, call the County "Rotline" at 408-918-4640, email compost@pln.co.scl.ca.us or visit the website reducewaste.org.